PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Anthonius J. SWAAK

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For:

USE OF ERYTHROPOIETIN IN THE TREATMENT OF RHEUMATOID

ARTHRITIS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT WITH FILING OF RCE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: September 4, 2003

Sir:

Prior to continued examination of the application, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows: